

To whom it may concern--I am writing in defense of XM radio, against the NAB petition 04-160, which would ban weather and traffic programming from satellite radio. As a paid subscriber to satellite radio, I have chosen to listen to XM instead of FM or AM. I feel that it would infringe on my rights, and take away XM's first amendment rights of free speech, to allow the radio stations to ban them from broadcasting weather and traffic reports. There is no reasonable excuse that this should be banned. This is not some type of obscene material, it is just necessary information. This is obviously a desperate gasp by the radio industry to attempt to save some listeners from switching to XM radio..I am appalled that such a legislation that is so blatantly targeted to limit XM's programming and services just to help save some radio stations should even be introduced into law..Please vote against this petition..thank you

-Kevin Hauschulz